

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-write the claims to read as follows:

- 1 1. (Previously Presented): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name,
- 2 said method comprising the steps of:
 - 3 identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;
 - 4 ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;
 - 5 truncating said first superior resource name to form a first truncated name;
 - 6 obtaining a first counter number from a global counter;
 - 7 appending said first counter number to said first truncated name to form a first appended name;
 - 8 assigning said first appended name to said first subordinate resource;
 - 9 identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;
 - 10 ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;
 - 11 truncating said second superior resource name to form a second truncated name;
 - 12 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number;
 - 13 appending said second counter number to said second truncated name to form a second appended name; and
 - 14 assigning said second appended name to the second subordinate resource.
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- 1 2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1 wherein said step of truncating com-
- 2 prises:
 - 3 a step of dropping the last n characters of said first and second superior resource
 - 4 names, where $n \geq 3$.
- 1 3. (Canceled).
- 1 4. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 2 wherein said counter numbers are at least three digits in length.
- 1 5. (Previously Presented): A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name, said method comprising the steps of:
 - 3 identifying a first subordinate resource and a related first superior resource;
 - 4 ascertaining the name of said first superior resource;
 - 5 obtaining a first counter number of n digits from a global counter;
 - 6 substituting said first counter number for n characters in said first superior re-
 - 7 source name to form a first name;
 - 8 assigning said first name to said first subordinate resource;
 - 9 identifying a second subordinate resource and a related second superior resource;
 - 10 ascertaining the name of said second superior resource;
 - 11 incrementing said global counter to obtain a second counter number; and

12 substituting said second counter number in said second superior resource name to form a
13 second name; and
14 assigning said second name to the second subordinate resource.

1 6. (Original): The method of claim 5 wherein $n \geq 3$.

1 7. (Canceled).

1 8. (Previously Presented) A method for generating unique subordinate resource names,
2 comprising:

3 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-
4 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
5 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and
6 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the
7 truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID
8 number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or
9 more superior resources.

1 9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 obtaining a counter number from a global counter; and
3 using the counter number as the unique ID number.

1 10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9, further comprising:
2 incrementing the global counter for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique
3 counter number.

1 11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 truncating n characters of the superior resource name, where n is greater than or
3 equal to three.

1 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 using one or more physical units (PUs) as the one or more superior resources.

1 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:
2 using one or more logical units (LUs) as the one or more subordinate resources.

1 14. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:
2 one or more superior resources, each of the one or more superior resources having
3 a name; and
4 one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordinate resources
5 related to one of the one or more superior resources, each of the one or more subordinate
6 resources being named as a combination of a truncated name of its related superior re-
7 source and an identification (ID) number, the ID number unique to each of the one or
8 more subordinate resources across all of the one or more superior resources.

- 1 15. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising: a global counter
- 2 to create a counter number, the counter number to be used as the unique ID number.

- 1 16. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 15, further comprising:
 - 2 the global counter incremented for each subordinate resource to obtain a unique
 - 3 counter number.

- 1 17. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
 - 2 the truncated name formed by truncating n characters of the superior resource
 - 3 name, where n is greater than or equal to three.

- 1 18. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
 - 2 a server in communicating relationship with the one or more superior resources.

- 1 19. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 18, further comprising:
 - 2 a computer network for use as the communicating relationship.

- 1 20. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
 - 2 one or more physical units (PUs) as the one or more superior resources.

- 1 21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 14, further comprising:
 - 2 one or more logical units (LUs) as the one or more subordinate resources.
- 1 22. (Previously Presented) A system, comprising:
 - 2 means for identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordinate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
 - 4 means for truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and
 - 5 means for naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination
 - 6 of the truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number,
 - 7 the ID number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the
 - 8 one or more superior resources.
- 1 23. (Previously Presented) A computer readable media, comprising: the computer read-
 - 2 able media containing instructions for execution on a processor for the practice of the
 - 3 method of,
 - 4 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-
 - 5 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
 - 6 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and
 - 7 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the
 - 8 truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID
 - 9 number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or
 - 10 more superior resources.

- 1 24. (Previously Presented) Electromagnetic signals propagating on a computer network,
- 2 comprising:
 - 3 the electromagnetic signals carrying instructions for execution on a processor for
 - 4 the practice of the method of,
 - 5 identifying one or more subordinate resources, each of the one or more subordi-
 - 6 nate resources related to one of one or more superior resources;
 - 7 truncating a name of the one or more superior resources; and
 - 8 naming each of the one or more subordinate resources as a combination of the
 - 9 truncated name of its related superior resource and an identification (ID) number, the ID
 - 10 number unique to each of the one or more subordinate resources across all of the one or
 - 11 more superior resources.

Please add new claims 25 et seq. as follows:

1 25. (New) A method for generating a unique subordinate resource name, said method
2 comprising the steps of:

3 identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;
4 ascertaining the name of said superior resource;
5 truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;
6 obtaining a counter number from a counter;
7 appending said counter number to said truncated name to form an appended
8 name; and
9 assigning said appended name to said subordinate resource.

1 26. (New) The method of claim 25 wherein said step of truncating comprises:
2 dropping the last n characters of said superior resource name,
3 where $n \geq 3$.

1 27. (New) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
2 incrementing the global counter for each additional subordinate resource related
3 to said superior resource to obtain a unique counter number.

1 28. (New) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
2 truncating n characters of the superior resource name.

1 29. (New) The method of claim 25, further comprising:
2 selecting a unique number by the global counter for each subordinate resource of
3 a plurality of subordinate resources related to the superior resource.

1 30. (New) An apparatus to generate a unique subordinate resource name, said apparatus
2 comprising the steps of:
3 means for identifying a subordinate resource and a related superior resource;
4 means for ascertaining the name of said superior resource;
5 means for truncating said superior resource name to form a truncated name;
6 means for obtaining a counter number from a counter;
7 means for appending said counter number to said truncated name to form an ap-
8 pended name; and
9 means for assigning said appended name to said subordinate resource.

1 31. (New) The apparatus of claim 30 wherein said step of truncating comprises:
2 means for dropping the last n characters of said superior resource name,
3 where $n \geq 3$.

1 32. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:

2 means for incrementing the global counter for each additional subordinate re-
3 source related to said superior resource to obtain a unique counter number.

1 33. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:

2 means for truncating n characters of the superior resource name.

1 34. (New) The apparatus of claim 30, further comprising:

2 means for selecting a unique number by the global counter for each subordinate
3 resource of a plurality of subordinate resources related to the superior resource.

1 35. (New) A server, comprising:

2 a first superior resource, the superior resource selected from a plurality of superior
3 resources, the first superior resource having a name;

4 a fist subordinate resource related to the superior resource, the first subordinate
5 resource selected from a plurality of subordinate resources;

6 means for truncating said first superior resource name to form a truncated name;

7 a counter to produce a globally unique number;

8 means for appending said number to said truncated name to form an appended
9 name; and

10 means for assigning said appended name to said first subordinate resource to gen-
11 erate a unique subordinate resource name for said first subordinate resource.

- 1 36. (New) The server as in claim 35, further comprising:
 - 2 said global counter selecting a unique number for each subordinate resource of
 - 3 said plurality of subordinate resources.